Paper manufacturing Industries

2044. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major paper manufacturing industries in public and private sectors in the country;

(b) what is the scale of pay for lowest and highest grade workers of those industries;

(c) what is the percentage of contract workers who are working in those industires in comparison to permanent workers; and

(d) whether contract workers are enjoying only daily rated minimum wages varying from State of State in those industries for provided with any other financial and accommodation facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) There are 34 major paper manufacturing units, with a minimum capacity of 20,000 T.P.A. each, in the public and private sectors in the country.

(b) The lowest and highest scales of pay of workers in central public undertakings are Rs. 1035-1345 p.m. and Rs. 1535-2555 p.m. respectively. The information in respect of private sector is not maintained centrally.

(c) The percentage of contract workers are compared to permanent workers in central public sector paper units is approximately 63. The information in respect of private sector is not maintained centrally.

(d) The minimum wage and other service conditions like weekly off withwage, paid-holidays, leave with wage, L.T.C., etc., in the central public sector paper units are generally regulated as per Notifications issued by concerned State Governments. The information in respect of private sector is not maintained centrally.

Criterion for grant of licences for new sugar units

2045. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the basic criterion for grant of licences for new sugar units is their economic viability; and

(b) if so, the number of licences granted for new sugar units under the new licensing policy so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) As per the new sugar licensing policy, announced vide Department of Industrial Development press Note No. 16 dated 8-11-1991, a number of criteria including the minimum economic capacity, distance from cane source existing sugar unit, viability of new sugar units, mainly from point of view of cane availability and potential for development of sugar cane etc. are looked into while deciding issue of licences for new sugar units.

(b) No LOI has been granted for establishment of new sugar factory under the new sugar licesning policy announced vide Press Note No. 16 (1991 series) applicable for the year 1991-92 and 8th Plan period 1992|93-1996|97. However, one Letter of Intent has been issued for establishment of a new sugar unit considered under the guidelines applicable to the 7th Plan period.

M/s. Asup Synthetics and Chemicals Ltd. Bhiwadi, Rajasthan

2046. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAZUMDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of M/s. Asup Synthetics and Chemicals Limited. Bhiwadi in Rajasthan which raised their share capital through equity shares in 1986;